PRICE ONE CENT

GERMAN LINE **FLUNG BACK** BY ADVANCE ON ROULERS

Flanders' Town Menaced by Furious Drive From Ypres - Vigorous Offensive on River Somme Makes Notable Progress Toward Peronne

German Guns Wrecked by Heavy Bombardment and Trench Lines Taken by Infantry Attack - Dixmude Reported Evacuated by Invaders - 100th Day of Great Battle.

Reports from the Franco-Belgian battle line indicate that, from the sea to the River Somme, the Allies' offensive is being pressed steadily and that some important gains have been made at strategic points. The advance against Roulers is being maintained with such determination that that Flemish city, which has been one of the chief objectives of the Allies' drive, is now being bombarded by the heaviest Anglo-French artillery.

Farther south, in the vicinity of Lens, the Allies announce important gains, their lines being now but 25% miles northwest of that town. On the Somme also the advance is making progress, German trenches having been captured and German guns dismounted east of Albert, in the drive on Peronne.

The capture of trenches from the Allies and the taking of a number of prisoners near La Bassee is reported in today's official report from Berlin. The report also announces the repulse of a desperate charge by the French northeast of Chalons and the taking of an important position at Four-de-Paris, in the Argonne. French attacks northwest of Verdun have failed completely, the German General Staff announces.

The great battle in France and Belgium, which began as the Battle of the Aisne, has now been in progress just 100 days without any decisive advantage having been gained by either

Pounding at the Russian centre in

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THE WEATHER



Gosh, what a day! How in the world can one be peaceful on earth and practice good will to men when one is slopping around the office on a pair of sponges tied to each foot and with the back of one's collar like a wet bath towel. And Christmas shopping on a day like this! The less said about that the better.

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity-Cloudy and unsettled tonight, followed by fuir and colder Tuesday; moderate variable winds becoming fresh

For details, see page 2.

Observations at Philadelphia

Almanac of the Day

Lamps to Be Lighted

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OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS

FRENCH

During the day of December 20 there was nothing important to report in Belgium except some progress in the region of Lombaertzyde-St. Georges and to the southeast of Korteker Inn (southeast of Bixschoote), the occupation of some houses at Sewartelem (south of Zillebeke) and the bombardment by the enemy of the hospital at Ypres.

(south of Zillebeke) and the bombardment by the enemy of the hospital at Ypres.

Between the Lys and the Aisne we captured a forest near the road of Alx-Noulettes-Souchez and occupied also all the first line of the German trenches between that road and the first houses of Notre Dame de Lorette (southwest of Loos).

The enemy bombarded Arras.

Our heavy artillery silenced that of the enemy in several combats. To the north of Carney teast of Albert) it wrecked the German trenches and overthrew two pieces of a battery placed near Hom (southeast of Carney). It likewise gained the advantage on the Aisne and in the sector of Rheims. In the Champasne region in the region of Prosnos, of Perthes and of Beausejour, as well as in the Argonne, we have made appreciable gains on our whole front. This is practically true to the northeast of Beausejour, where we have taken 1300 yards of the enemy's trenches.

In the forest of Grurie we blew up four sapping mines and we have established ourselves in the excavations.

Between the Argonne and the Meuse

Between the Argonne and the Meuse we have made progress on all the front, notably in the region of Variennes, where we have advanced 500 metres beyond the heights and in the region of Gercourt-Bethincourt. On the right bank of the Meuse we have gained ground upon the heights two kilometres (114 miles), west of Brabant and in the forest of Consen-

voye.

In conclusion, we have made slight progress on the heights of the Meuse, and in the forest of Chevallers to the northeast of Fort de Coyon.

GERMAN

French attacks at Nieuport were rerench attacks at Nieuport were repulsed yesterday. They were also repulsed between the ranal and La
Bassee. We attacked the positions of
the Angio-Indian troops. We stormed
and captured their trenches and dislodged them from their positions with
heavy losses.

We captured one capture five ma-We captured one cannon, five ma-

chine guns, two mine throwers and 272 English and Indian prisoners, in-

The trenches which were lost to the enemy on December 18 near Notre Dame de Lorretts, were recaptured. In the neighborhood of Slippes, northeast of Chalons, the French attacked flercely yesterday, and in one place penetrated as far as the outer trenches. Their attacks, broke down under es. Their attacks broke down under our fire. We captured four French officers and 310 men. A large number of dead Frenchmen were left lying in front of our positions.

front of our positions.

In the Argonne we captured an important wooded hill at Four-de-Paris, taking three machine guns, one revolver gun and Z5 prisoners. Fierce French attacks northwest of Verdun failed completely.

In East and West Prussia the situation is unchanged. In Poland we continue to make attacks against the enemy's positions.

AUSTRIAN

In the Carpathians the enemy's advanced troops in the district of the Latoreza (in northern Hungary, north of Munkacs) were repulsed yesterday.
To the northwest of Lupkow Pass (east of the Dukla Pass) a great bat-tle is developing. Our attack on the front, comprising Krosno and Zakli-czyn (in Galicia, between Cracow and Przemysl), has gained ground everywhere. In the Biala Valley our troops have advanced to Tuchow (south of Tarnow). The battle along the lower Dunajec (southwest of Tarnow) con-

The Russians recently appeared with strong forces in Galicia. In south Poland they have reached the Nida

On the left bank of the Vistula, on the front of the Baura and Rawa Rivers, a number of encounters, some of them of a very flerce description, took place on the 19th instant.

Two German companies which crossed the Bsura, near the village of Dakhova, on a half-burned bridge were immediately attacked by our troops and annihilated.

Of this force only 50 men remained. These we made prisoners.

These we made prisoners. Fighting also is reported in the region of Opoczno, 25 miles to the east of Piotrkow.

In Galicia the situation is without important change. At certain points we have made counter-attacks and captured some prisoners and machine

GERMAN CRUISER REPORTED SUNK OFF SCOTLAND

guna.

London Also Hears of Damage to Two British Destroyers. LONDON, Dec. 21.

Rumors, entirely unconfirmed from an official source, were in circulation here this afternoon that a German cruiser had in its effort to exact justice for the people decided to grant the relicated with the court of Scotland.

It is reported further that two British filed with the Insterstate Board the It is reported further that two British destroyers have arrived at Leith badly

PANIC IN N. Y. SUBWAY

Trifling Blass Causes Passengers to

Stampede. NEW YORK, Dec. II.-Two trainleads of passengers were thrown into a panis. Narin, 10 mins amail blaze, caused by water on the rails, which filled the Thi street station with latform. Several women fainted at the

When the dret excitement assemed to be passing a second train pulled in and its passengers surges out to the platform, jamming the entry. Firemen we called and quirkly quenched the blaze.

MAY INDIOT BAFF SLAYERS

Woman Expected to Give Grand Jury

Important Cluss. NEW TORK, Dec. 31.—Chars harelaked as a score of men who have been a seeman may result in the indictment to always of Barrett Bart today. The seeman informant is said to be seekag revenue. The will be the first wite bor of pardies will not be known until bor called before the facility large.

MUST RETURN TO NEW YORK FOR TRIAL ON CONSPIRACY CHARGE



The Court decides case unprecedented in legal annals by ruling that the slayer of Stanford White may be extradited from New Hampshire, thus reversing the United States Court in that State, which granted the fugitive a writ of habeas corpus.

P. R. R. SUBMITTED **NEW RATES 8 DAYS** PRIOR TO DECISION

Schedules Allowed by State Show Collusion Between Railroads and Commissioners, Commuters Say.

NEW CHARGE AGAINST PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Public hearing held in Philadelphia, December 10 and 11,

December 10 and 11,

Decision by Pennsylvania Commission on December 12.

Changes ordered by the Commission in its decision December 12 sent to the Interstate Commerce Commission by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company on December 4.

Interstate Commerce Commission and Commission and Commission December 4. approved new rates on December 10, the day the hearing began in Phila-

delphia.

Charges of collusion between the Pennsylvania Public Service Commissioners and the railroads to be based upon this new evidence.

Proof that the new passenger tariff hedules for the three railros ing Philadelphia, approved by the Pennsylvania Public Service Commission on December 12, were submitted to the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington almost a week before even the hearing on the rate case began in Philadelphia was obtained today by attorneys for the commuters.

On December 4 the Pennsylvania Railroad Company filed with the Commission at Washington an application to make the very rate changes ordered by the Pennsylvania Commission on Decem-

ber 12. On December 10, the date on which the

public hearing began before the Commission in this city, the Commission in Washington put its stamp of approval on the changes proposed by the Pennsylvania Railroad. While Commissioner Emory R. Johnson

admitted last week that the commission had given the railroads an advance tip on their decision and that a conference had been held even prior to the public hearing in the City Hall, it was not known until today that the railroads had been advised even before the hearing what the new rates would be.

hear the complaints of the commuters in this city on December 19. From the evidence gathered by the attorneys today a secret conference must have been held with the rallroad officials immediately after it was decided to grant a hearing. after it was decided to grant a hearing.

Pennsylvania Ralifond signified its will-ingness to continue the 100-trip tickets at an increased rate to be good for a year from the date of issue. The Pennsylvania Commission in its decision ruled that the tickets should be good for six months only.

of passengers were thrown into a panio in the subway inday as the result of a small blaze, caused by water on the rails, which filled the Thi street station with smoke. Flames began creeping up the side of one of the cars and the passengers immediately stampeded for the sengers immediately stampeded for the substitution. The commence of the commenc With this new proof of alleged col-

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BLEASE'S XMAS PARDONS Many Prisoners in South Carolina

Jails to Be Freed. CHARLESTON, R. C., Dec. 21.-Goveror Cole Biassa today draw up his that Describer M, but It may be seen greater

"Billy" Sunday Page

The story of Evangelist Sunday's life and work, and all the plans and organization for his Philadelphia campaign will be told in special articles, with illustrations, to be published tomorrow.

Boy Scouts' Activities

Beginning tomorrow special de-partments will be devoted to the man-building Boy Scout movement in Philadelphia in the Evening Ledger. All scout activities will be reported regularly in this depart-

ment. Watch for both these big fea-tures in the

Evening Ledger Tomorrow

"\$1,000,000 BRIDE" CAUSES ARREST OF MOTHER-IN-LAW

Mrs. William F. Donaldson and Her Maid Accused of Assault—Counter Charge of False Arrest.

Another chapter in the Donaldson do nestic controversy was enacted late this afternoon when Mrs. Evelyn Donaldson swore out a warrant for the arrest of her mother-in-law, Mrs. William F. Donaldson, 2005 Chestnut street, and Miss Fanny Blanc, her maid, charging assault and battery.

The warrant was issued by Magistrate Beaton and was accepted by M. Hampton Todd, counsel for Mrs. William Donald son, after Constable Duffy, of the Magistrate's court, failed to gain admittance to the Chestnut street home. The hearing is set for tomorrow at 13 o'clock.

A summons was also issued in behalf of Mrs. William Donaldson by Judge Brown, of the Municipal Court, charging false arrest by the young Mrs. Donaldson. The amount of damages desired will be named later.

A writ of habeas corpus was allowed by Judge Brown to show cause why the eider Mrs. Donaldson should not turn the child over to Mrs. Evelyn Donaldson. The latter, when seen in the office of her attorney, John R. K. Scott, this On December 1 the commission and afternoon, said she did not want to cause her mother-in-law trouble, but simply wanted possession of her child.

"I have a right to the custody of my

The younger Mrs. Donaidson was an asylum, another application for the feather decided to grant the railroads even the decided to grant the been staying with her grandmother for some time and her mother has been spending most of her time in Europe. Mrs. Donaldson obtained a divorce from for a Kaith Donaldson at Reno, but the little daughter, it was agreed, was to live with the opinion, whi ruled her for only six months of the year and distinct with Mr. Donaldson the other six months.

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its months only.

In this respect alone does the order of
the Pennsylvania Board differ from the
tariffs filed at Washington a week earlier
by the Pennsylvania Railroad.

When a French maid refused her admittance, it was charged that she forced
her way in and struck and scratched the
maid. Mrs. W. F. Donaldson called in
a policeman and Mrs. Evelyn Donaldson
a policeman and Mrs. Evelyn Donaldson
a policeman and Mrs. Evelyn Donaldson

Education and the Lawmakers

In tomorrow's Evening Ledger will be printed a notable article on the prospects of action by the new Legislature of Pennsylvania on Vo-cational Education. It is from the N. C. SCHAEFFER

State Superintendent of Public In-

atruction, than whom no man in the Commonwealth is better quali-fied to discuss the topic under-stantingly and with authority.

MUST STAND TRIAL Supreme Bench Decides He

HARRY THAW LOSES

IN HIGHEST COURT:

Is a Fugitive From Justice and Orders Extradition to New York State.

PROGRESS OF EVENTS IN THE THAW CASE

June 25, 1906—Stanford White shot by Thaw in Madison Square Roof Garden. January 23, 1907-Thaw's trial begun. April 5, 1907-Commission appoint-

April 5, 1907—Commission appointed to examine Thaw's sanity.
April 12, 1907—Thaw jury disagreed, seven to five in favor of conviction.
January 6, 1908—Second trial begun,
February 1, 1908—Verdict "not
guilty" on account of insanity.
August 17, 1915—Thaw escaped
from Matteawan Asylum.
August 18, 1915—Captured at Coticook, Canada.

cook, Canada.
September 10, 1913—Deported from Canada, as "undesirable allen," to Golebrook, N. H. ptember 13, 1913-Thaw got writ

of habeas corpus to avoid being re-turned to New York. April 14, 1149—Thaw won habeas corpus suit in New Hampshire, but was denied ball. May 8, 1914-New Hampshire Federal Court ordered Thaw released in custody of Sheriff pending appeal to Supreme Court. June 15, 1914—Supreme Court de-

nled application for ball pending ap-December 21, 1914—Supreme Court orders Thaw extradited to New York for trial on conspiracy charge.
Estimated total of Thaw's expenses to date, \$963,000.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.-Harry K. Phaw, slayer of Stanford White, has lost his fight for liberty in the United States Supreme Court. His extradition to New York State from New Hampshire was ordered by the court today.

Thaw must stand trial on the charge of onspiracy to escape from the Mutteawan Asylum, on which he was indicted in New York, following his sensational flight to Canada and thence to New Hampshire on August 17, 1912. He may stay in New Hampshire for 30 days unless his attorneys consent to his removal sooner.

The Supreme Court reversed the decision of Federal District Judge Aldrich, of New Hampshire, who granted Thaw a writ of habeas corpus. Whether Thaw is returned to Matteawan depends upon the New York authorities. His attorneys declare that if he is not tried on the conspiracy charge, or should attempts be made to hold him as a lunatic in the asylum, another application for a writ

Nearly all the points made by Thaw's counsel, former Secretary of State Philander C. Knox and former Governor Stone, of Pennsylvania, were overruled in the opinion, which was handed down by tion for the writ Saturday,

"Thaw was a fugitive from justice; he was charged with a real crime, and it is for a jury of the State of New York, U. S. Judge Decides No Cause of Acafter consideration of the law of the State of New York, to determine whether or not he was manne at the time of his act, and whether he is guilty of a crime against the laws of New York," and Justice against the laws of New York," and Justice against the Lehigh Valley Bailroad Coma policeman and Mrs. Evelyn Donaldson against the laws of New York," said Justice lioimes "Thaw is not on trial here," pany and a relaxest a bond for 120 to keep the peace.

DECLARED FUGITIVE PROMJUSTICE "It has been alleged in the arguments

of the attorneys for Thaw that it was no crime for a man in an insune asylum in dissolution control the coal carriers have the State of New York to walk out if he could do so," continued Justice Holmes Therefore, it was contended. It was no crime to conspire to do this thing. But that does not necessarily follow.

"It is not a crime for a person to with-

"It is not a crime for a person to withhold his paironage from a certain shop,
but if a number of persons compire angether to withhold their patronage from
that shop it becomes a conspiracy punishable by law.

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EXPLOSION OF DYNAMITE DESTROYS SIGHT OF BOY

Blackhanders Blamed for Wrecking Catharine Street Tenement.

An explosion of dynamite destroyed the eyes of a seven-year-old boy and wrecked a tenement at 310 Catharine street teday. Six other sticks of dynamite found under the ever started the police on a search for the black handers believed to have set the explosive.

The injured boy is Morris Dicecco whose parents live in the house. Mrs. George Azemoro, his aunt, who also resides there, believes the dynamite was planted by men who are hostile to her husband because he refused to sell them the house.

The boy was playing with his sister and cousin on the fourth floor when the dynamite exploded. The force of it threw him down a flight of stairs. The lad was taken to the Pennsylvania Hospital.

The other children were merely bruised. A great crowd gathered outside in the

Policemen Fitzmaurice and Peter Cohen ran into the house. On the fourth floor they found the greater part of the roof blown away and the stairs choked with debris. Fitzmaurice, who was digging about in the ruins, suddenly drew out an unexploded stick of dynamite. Investigation brought five more to light. They were all damp and harmless from the rain which had leaked through the roof. Police believe the black handers cut t hole through the roof and then dropped dynamite into the eaves.

BRITISH AND JAPANESE LAND ON PANAMA COAST

Say They Seek German Station, But May Be Taking on War Supplies. PANAMA, Dec. 21.-American officials of the Panama Canal today received information that shore parties had been landed by a British and Japanese cruiser in the vicinity of San Miguel Bay, on the Pacific coast of Panama. The landing parties said they were looking for a German signal station. It was suggested, however, that supplies were being taken on board the warships.

ORDERED BY COURT TO PAY HIS WIFE \$60 A WEEK

"Keely Cure" Agent Protests Because

of Effect of "Billy" Sunday's Work. The largest order for wife maintenance on record in the local courts was issued today by Judge Brown in the marital relations branch of the Municipal Court, requiring the payment of \$60 a week by James Nelson Burson to his wife for her support. Burson is exclusive Pennsylvania agent for the "Keely cure" for

vania agent for the Acety the inchriety, Burson protested against the order, saying since, "Billy" Sunday's visit to Pittsburgh the Keely institution in that city had not been paying expenses. He said a "sobriety wave" had resulted in poor business for his concern all over the State. Witnesses called by Congressman-elect John R. K. Scott, representing Mrs. Burson, said Sunday had boomed the "cure" business, as many of his contect the treatment.

verts took the treatment. The Bursons were married 13 years ago. They disagreed from the beginning, it was said, and 1907 they separated. Mrs. Burson said her husband carried economy too far. Thirty minutes after they were wed, she said, he berated her for wasting soap by leaving it in the water after she had washed her hands. He was generally irritating, she maintained. Her allowance was systematically queed under various pretenses, Mrs. Bur-son said. After giving her testimony she collapsed in court.

SET MOTHER'S BEDS AFIRE

First Drive Aged Woman From Her Home.

Philip Heavy, of 4307 Ludlow street, was taken from the University Heapital late this afternoon to the 32d and Woodland avenue police station to answer for his actions of last night, when he is said to have forced his 70-year-old mother to leave her home and then set fire to two beds, two chairs, a couch and a settee. According to the police, the man was intoxicated and threatened to kill any one who attempted to enter the building after he had set fire to it. Battalion Chief Michael Walah and Lieutenant Sweeney, of trust No. 6, broke into the building and found him evercome by smoke.

Mrs. Harriet Heavey said today she would not appear to testify against her

FRANK LOSES AGAIN

Denied Certificate of "Reasonable Doubt" for Appeal.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 21 .- Federal Judge William T. Newman, before whom the latest move in the Lee M. Frank care was made Saturday, today declined to grant a certificate stating that in his opinion there was probable cause for an appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States in the habeas corpus proceedings.

Justice Newman refused the application for the writ Saturday

COAL SUITS DISMISSED

tion Against Lehigh Valley.

pany and a number of other defendants consider in the mining and transportation 'No monopoly of interstate commerc

MAR KILLED BY FLY WHEEL A fall against a fly wheel in the Haz-rison Chemical Works, at 58th street and Gray's Ferry Road, cathed the instant death of Nicholas Stanca, is years idd, whose address is unknown. Hanna's head was grushed. He was pronunced dead by physicians at the University Hos

Pennsylvania's Status of Meads: WASHINGTON Dec 21.—The House many passed a bell explorating the State of Passengtracies in mark in Washington, C., as therefores the basis a company of the company of the

BROUGHT BY COAL MEN

Reparation Under Act Creating Public Service Commission May Be Sought From Pennsylvania and Philadelphia and Reading-Loeb Delays City Bid.

Feared Mining Companies and Retail Dealers May Reach Out for Benefits of Anthracite Rate Cut. Decision Causes R. R. Stock Drop.

FACTS OF COAL RATE DECISION IN BRIEF

New York, which is no nearer to the Pennsylvania hard coal fields than this city, is getting its coal from 25 to 50 cents a ton cheaper. Stove and egg coal there sell for \$7 a ton.

\$7 a ton.
Chestnut for \$7.25.
Pea for \$5.25.
Pea for \$5.25.
Prices here are: Stove coal, \$7.25.
Egg coal, \$7.
Nut coal, \$7.50,
Pea coal, \$5.50.
Direct saving of \$1,500,000 to consumer if coal dealers cut retail price by 40 cents a ton.
Railroads may be sued for nearly \$10,000,000 by dealers as reparation for present rate, covering period of six years.

for present rate, covering period of aix years.

City holds up bids for \$1,000,000 worth of coal to obtain benefit of lower rates under the decision.

Fight for out in rates took more than two years, Harry E. Bellia, Harold'S. Shertz and Ward W. Pierson, the latter two attorneys, denducted it, with four business men's organizations.

Suits for nearly \$10,000,000 may be started against the Pennsylvania and Philadels phia and Reading Railway Companies for reparation covering a period of six years, when the decision of the State Public 40 cents per ton on the hard coal rate

to this city goes into effect. The act creating the Public Service. Commission makes it clear that when any decision of the commission shows an overcharge or an unjust discriminatory charge has been made, the sufferer may file action for reparation from the time the commission was created. The common law, according to attorneys, equally is plain in providing six years as the period for which reparation for a discriminatory

charge may be sought. Statements to this effect by coal dealers and attorneys were the latest devalopments today in the decision of the commission after the two-year fight waged against the high coal rates from the Pennsylvania anthracite fields to this

city.

LAW MAY NOT BE ATTACKED. Strong intimations that no action to attack the constitutionality of the act creating the State Public Service Commission would be taken either by the Phill. adelphia and Reading or the Pennsylvania Railroads were given today by counsel for the companies. George Stuart Patterson, general solicitor for the Pennsyle vania, said he had heard of no movement along that line and said he doubted that such action would be taken. A similar statement was made by Charles Horbiter, general counsel for the Reading.

Neither would say any fight would be nade, but coal men and others interested expect the railroads to contest the order of the commission, which is to be issued today or fonorrow. The two attorners named said that if action were taken it probably would be along the line of an appeal against the order of the commissions.

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The immediate effect of the decision upon the stock market today was sight. Pennsylvania was quoted at 10%, whom is 4 off Saturday's quotelium. Lehian Valley fell off one and a quarter in an 16%. The decision had more effect on the general list than the internate Commerce 3 per cent, increase decision. HITS BIG COAL DEALERS.

It also was pointed out today by coal dealers that the smaller firms will get a distinct advantage over their terms competitors unless some adjustment la made. Some of the hig dualers have free

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